

BALAKLAVA.

The Most Famous Light Cavalry Charge in History Described by An Eye-Witness.

Pittsburgh Dispatch.

It was thirty years ago that the Earl of Cardigan's light brigade made its famous charge at Balaklava, near Sebastopol. A gentleman who was on the staff of an English general, and who witnessed the charge, gives the *Dispatch* this description of it:

"On Oct. 25, 1854, our eyes turned to the heights of Balaklava, on the possession of which depended the very existence of the allied forces. On that day the Russians made a desperate attack on our lines, to be as desperately repelled. A Vanderbilt broker repeatedly offered to bet that Cleveland would be the next president, and there were notakers. Cambria, Smith, Wooster, Osborne, Carter and their following believed there was no doubt that Cleveland was elected, and they repudiated the returns as read by the telegraph operator in the hotel. All of the morning papers, except the Tribune, give New York to Cleveland.

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"The crisis had come. No resource is left save to do his bidding. He could nod of assent from Lord Lucan. A profound bow follows from Lord Cardigan. 'Light division, forward, charge!' breaks from his lips. An echoing cheer is the reply from 607 throats, as with clang of scabbard and rattle of bridle and bit, and the braying of the trumpet, and the ringing cheer of the 'Heavies,' the 4th and 13th lights, the 8th and 11th hussars, came like a tempest in their cherry colored trousers, and the 17th lancers, with ranks closed up and squadrons dressed as evenly as if at a march past, trot forward down the slight incline. At their head ride the gallant Nolan and the dauntless Cardigan, even in this supreme moment with a rockie's laugh upon his face, as he argues some point of war with his brother hussar.

"The unshaken batteries are already belching forth shot and shell. The trot breaks into a gallop, the gallop into a furious, headlong charge. Already Nolan has fallen, cut down by grape shot, the secret of the fatal day dying with him. The serried ranks show frequent gaps, as saddle after saddle is emptied. 'Close up! Charge!' is the unceasing cry, and the opening ranks of the dislodged is the doomed but indomitable few cannon to right of them, cannon to left of them, cannon in front of them—and now cannon behind them. Out through the broken Russian line pressed the noble army of martyrs, their oriflamme, their brave leaders' flashing sabre, their supports—

"With a shriek, the last of the leap, the cherry-clad heroes, by the gods as lightly as they would over a five-hundred yard bridge on the hunting field, sabring the gunners as they leap. A beardless boy, not yet 17, holds fast to the colors he has sworn to carry to death or victory, and falls with the cry, 'My mother will hear of this!' on his dying lips, still grasping that banner in his hand.

"Far away, far westward, with his wife dead, and a few choice spirits on his right hand and on his left—none ahead of him, raging like a lion—fights, as with a forlorn hope, the leader and commander of the Light Brigade. He bears a charmed life, and his brawny arm is endowed with a power of slaughter that grows mightier every moment from the meat it feeds on. Farther and further he dashes on, cleaving his way through the stained sword till he reaches the last of the leap,

"Here, when he sees the end is not yet, but that rank upon rank of infantry and cavalry, with heavy artillery in the rear, stretches out back to the city's utmost bastion, he recognizes how useless it will be further to tempt the fate and fight one against a thousand. Coolly and calmly, as if in Hyde park, he takes in the situation at a glance, and gives the word to the trumpeter to start the retreat, then the 'retreat.' The bullet cracks through the boy's hand as he raises his trumpet to his mouth, but stoic-like, he makes no sign. Clear rings out the summons. A dozen only answer the call. Not one, save Lord Cardigan, but is wounded more or less severely, and his clothing shows where lance or saber or ball had plowed its way over his unscathed flesh. Right about the little hand turns, leaving the boy trumpeter dead on the ground behind them.

"The enemy, paralyzed by the shock of the charge, and fancying that the whole British army supports the handful of braves, pauses in his murderous work to cheer the 108 survivors who returned slowly and sadly to the place from which they came, having, from a military standpoint, scored nine victories, and with a deathless, heedless wreath of glory. 'It was magnificent,' said Gen. Bouquet, 'but it was not war.'

"Swallowing" Coins.

Ovalia Rec.

Gold coins are in local circulation, which although not counterfeited, are equally to be repudiated by all to whom presented. Their spurious nature consists in the fact that they have been depreciated by corrosive acids, and although gold, with a clear, genial ring, each and every one of such coins has lost from 20 to 30 per cent. of their value, and cannot be cashed at the banks for their face. As far as known, this depreciated currency is in \$ pieces. They can be easily detected upon inspection, the actions being lighter than the standard and more smooth over the surface, the actions of the acids having cut down the sharply defined embossing of both stamp and milling. One of these coins was presented yesterday at the Merchants' National bank. This specimen had lost exactly \$1 of its original value.

Artificial Rain Storms.

Insurance Chronicle.

Among the last inventions reported from Australia is a machine for producing rain storms. It is intended to force a rain supply from the clouds during a period of drought. The apparatus is in the form of a balloon, with a charge of dynamite attached underneath it. The balloon is to be sent up into the clouds, and when there the dynamite is to be fired by a detonator connected with the earth. A total of the novel contrivance is to be given upon the dry districts of New South Wales, and the result is looked forward to with interest by some of the residents of that colony. If the machine is a success, perhaps the Australian fire underwriters may employ it with benefit to wet down the arid districts in that country and reduce the losses by fire.

Boys' Kilt Suits.

A complete assortment.

Eiseman Bros., corner Seventh and E streets.

THE MARKETS.

The Election Still the Absorbing Topic Among Brokers—Prices Slightly Advance—Chicago and Baltimore Quotations.

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COURTING STICKS OF OLD.

A Curious Contrivance of New England Lads and Lasses in Colonial Days.

Bethford Post.

In early New England days, as far back as the middle of the eighteenth century, when hospitality was a practice as well as a virtue, there was in most houses only one large assembly room, and there the family and all the guests and chance callers gathered on winter nights about the blazing fire logs. We know that youth was youth, and love was love, and young men were timid and maidens were shy, and courtship went on in those days. How was courtship possible in this common room, where every word was heard and every look taken notice of? We read in the admirable volume on the recent centennial of Long Meadow, Mass., by Prof. Richard S. Starr, of that town, in the winter evenings when the company of young lads and maidens were safe in their homes, that in those "most roomy" courting sticks were used; that is, long wooden tubes that could convey from lip to ear sweet and secret whispers. Was this an invention peculiar to Long Meadow?

It is a charming picture that this calls up of life in a Puritan household, this tubular love-making, the pretty girl always trying to get into the bright light of lamps, seated in one end of the bachelors' chair, and the staid but blushing lover in another, handling the courting-stick, itself an open confession of commonplace, if not of true love. Would the young man dare to say "I love you" through the tube, and would he feel encouraged by the laughing, tender eyes of the girl when she replied through the tube? And so the young man sent two sticks, so that one end of one could be at the ear and the end of the other at the mouth all the while? How convenient, when the young man got more adventurous than was seemly, as the flip went round, for the girl to put her thumb over the end of the tube and stop the flow of soul? Did the young man bring his stick, and so reveal his intentions of becoming a husband before he ever got a pair on hand, and as so reveal both willingness and expectation? It was much more convenient than the telephone, with its "hello" and proclamation to all listeners at the end of the line.

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COURT RECORD.

Business Transacted by the District Judiciary Yesterday.

Circuit Court—Justice Hopper—McEvily vs. Barker, J. E. Plaintiff, John McEvily, Boston; defendant, John H. Barker, Jr., Boston. Judgment for plaintiff, \$1,000. The trial was suspended.

Equity Court—Justice Cox—McEvoy vs. Marsland; order appointing Wm. F. Mattingly trustee to convey real estate, Hitz vs. Hitz; order appointing Ernest I. Summer guardian ad litem.

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